

IBM's PC grant boosts Gallaudet into computer age

In July 1984 Gallaudet had fewer than 50 microcomputers. A year later, there were 170, and by November 1985 there were more than 300.

Fifty of these new PCs were awarded to the College by IBM in August and were used this past fall by teachers and students at both Kendall Green and MSSD.

Instructional needs were uppermost in the minds of officials from Computer Services and the Division of Business Administration who initially approached IBM about the contribution. As a result, explained Kevin Casey, director of Computer Services, the IBM-awarded PCs have been grouped in lots of 10 to 12 to form what are called "shared instructional clusters." The clusters are geared to situations involving both teacher and students.

IBM's award, worth \$500,000 in equipment and related software, signalled the corporation's commitment to the educational mission of the College and its confidence in the College's Computer Services department, according to Casey. He added that the award—made after a year of ongoing communication between Gallaudet and IBM officials and several on-site visits to Gallaudet's computer facilities—presented an "exciting challenge" to Computer Services.

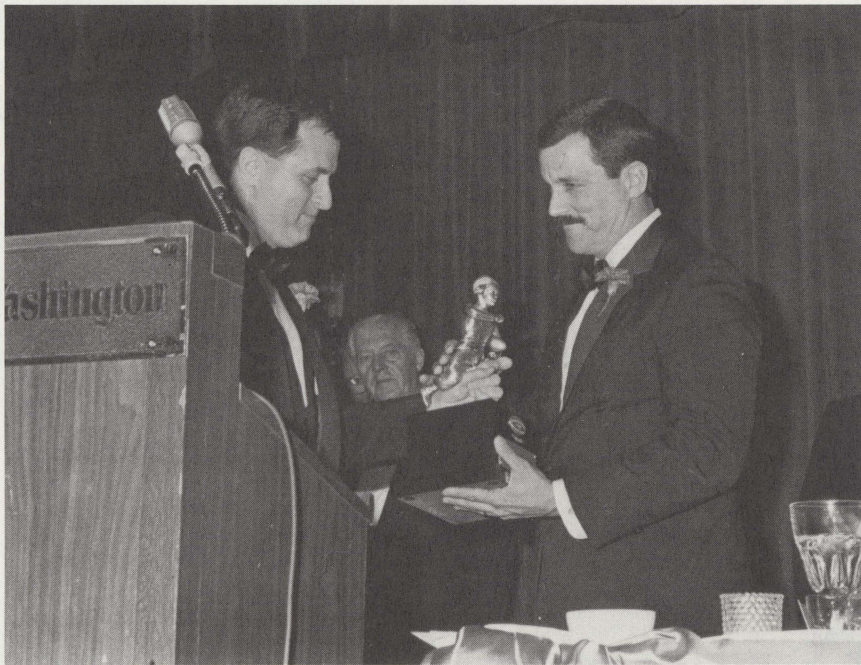
The challenge was to effect a smooth, efficient transition from a campus of 170 microcomputers to a campus of more than 300 in a matter of weeks. Coincidentally, the IBM-awarded PCs arrived on the loading dock about the same time that a separately ordered shipment arrived.

The transition involved more than simply loading the machines onto dollies and delivering them to their respective work stations, according to John Millikin, manager of User Services. The machines had to be checked out and "molded to fit the needs of Gallaudet users," he said.

The transition sparked a flurry of activity in the basement hallway of EMG, which for three weeks looked more like a Silicon Valley assembly plant than a college corridor. At any one time, a dozen still-crated PCs lined the hallway, awaiting transformation into specially tailored machines capable of meeting Gallaudet's instructional and administrative needs.

The PC Support Group, about six students from a variety of academic departments who are specially trained

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President Jerry C. Lee presents Coach Bob Westermann with his Timmie award Jan. 18.

Westermann gets Touchdown Club award for 'outstanding achievement'

Bison head coach Bob Westermann rubbed elbows with the likes of Chicago Bear Walter Payton, 7-foot-7 Washington Bullet Manute Bol and actress Goldie Hawn at the 51st annual Touchdown Club dinner Jan. 18 at the Washington Sheraton Hotel, where Westermann received a special Timmie award for outstanding achievement in football.

The affair, honoring high school, college and professional athletes and teams, was attended by more than 1,600 people.

President Jerry C. Lee was on hand to present Westermann with his award. "Bob has brought to the collegiate level an attitude which focuses on our students' abilities instead of our disabilities," Dr. Lee said. "He has taught them the importance of dedication,

hard work and commitment, and the result is that 72 young deaf football players obtained a level of success which they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. The success of Coach Westermann and our football players is an inspiration to thousands of young deaf people."

Westermann led the Gallaudet team to its first winning season in 55 years. At the beginning of the season, he promised team members that they could shave his head if they won five of their ten scheduled games. When they beat St. Francis 17-3 in the fifth game last fall, the team collected Westermann's scalp.

Among other guests at this year's dinner were Gene Autry; Maryland Gov. Harry Hughes; Sen. Charles Mathias; Washington Redskins Russ Grimm, Bobby Mitchell and Kenny O'Brien; University of Miami's Vinny Testeverde; Washington Bullet Jeff Malone; Steve Bell of "Good Morning America;" University of Massachusetts player Bobbie Ross and Penn State University coach Joe Paterno.

William "The Refrigerator" Perry, the Chicago Bears' defensive tackle/running back and recipient of a special Timmie Award because of his "versatility on the football field," did not appear at the dinner as expected.

"Timmie," the symbol of the Touchdown Club, originated with a pen and ink drawing of a boy in 1945 football garb. The figure, which represents the spirit of youth, was nameless at first; it was officially christened "Timmie" in 1960 when he became part of the club's annual presentation of trophies.

Preparations set for changeover of phone system

New telephones will be ringing on all desks around the main campus following the Memorial Day weekend, marking the start of a new system that will increase the number of on-campus lines and save the College money.

While that is nearly five months away, preparations for the new phone system are already under way. Since the College signed a contract in December with Northern Telecom—after considering 30 other firms—all systems are go, so to speak, in getting ready for the event.

A series of meetings with budget unit heads is scheduled beginning this month, and training sessions for all employees are planned prior to the changeover. In addition, plans are being made for the TV Department to develop a training videotape in cooperation with Northern Telecom.

According to Chuck Mann, director of Business Services, the switch to new phones is a fairly complicated process, one that may require all new wiring in the underground conduit system across the campus. The new system will increase the number of on-campus lines from 1,400 to an ultimate capacity of 2,000 and it will provide some features not available in the present system, said Mann.

Currently, campus phones have a "sound confirmation" when a feature is being activated—three small beeps when a call is being transferred, for example. Some of the new phones will also have a "visual confirmation"—lights—to indicate that a feature has been activated.

The new phone system has data capability, said Mann, that eventually will enable some users to tie into the campus computers through the telephone lines. The new system will also have its own built-in directory of current on-campus numbers. "The system provides state-of-the-art technology," said Mann. "The list of features alone is four pages long."

Not all phones will have the same features; upcoming meetings with budget unit heads, members of Business Services and representatives of Northern Telecom are scheduled to decide the best plan for each individual office, Mann explained.

The new phones are scheduled to be installed prior to Memorial Day weekend, but will not be activated—"cut over"—until that Friday. The three-day weekend will be used to make sure all the new phones are working. Desks will have two phones—the old AT&T phones and the new

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Feb. forum to feature Pre-College overview

"President Lee's Forum" will be broadcast on campus cable channel 33 Feb. 5-7. Joining Dr. Lee in a discussion of Pre-College Programs will be Dr. Robert Davila, vice president; Dr. Frank Turk, dean of Student Life; and Dr. Michael Deninger, dean of Curriculum and Instruction. Also appearing in the forum will be Peter Hobbs, MSSD principal; Janice Welborn, KDES principal; and Dr. Margaret Hallau, director of the Center for Curriculum, Development, Training and Outreach.

Among Ourselves

Marita Danek of the Department of Counseling was the keynote speaker at a recent conference in Boston co-sponsored by the Gallaudet Extension Center at Northern Essex Community College and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. The conference was organized by Neil Glickman, a graduate of Gallaudet's RCD program, and Jean Brennan of the extension center.

Frank Zieziula of the Department of Counseling presented an all-day workshop on the "Social/Emotional Needs of Hearing Impaired Students through Counseling Programs" for 25 public school personnel at St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo. While in Buffalo, Zieziula also addressed students in the teacher preparation program at Canisius College and consulted with the staff at St. Mary's regarding child abuse and counseling.

William J. Hines, father of Associate Professor Rudolph Hines, died Jan. 11 at the age of 91. William Hines's connection with Gallaudet goes back further than most of us can remember. For example, he used to deliver hay to the College when a herd of milking cows roamed Kendall Green.

According to LaVarne Hines (no relation to William or Rudolph), Gallaudet faculty and staff contributed \$21,790 to the Combined Federal Campaign this year. The contributions, from 284 persons, will be distributed to the designated organization(s) as specified by each employee.

Deborah Sonnenstrahl, associate professor of art history and museum studies, was awarded a professional certificate in museum studies by New York University upon completion of her internship at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

MSSD concert set Feb. 14, 15

MSSD Performing Arts will present a unique "Music Concert" on Feb. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the MSSD auditorium. This fourth annual concert will feature performers who use sign language, mime and dance to present songs from popular contemporary music and Broadway shows.

Accompanied by live voices and a band, the performers portray people from all walks of life who gather in a restaurant to share their loves, hopes and dreams. Mary Martone will direct the onstage performers, and Deborah Weiner will direct the offstage singers and musicians.

Tickets are \$3 for nonstudents, \$2 for general students and senior citizens, and free to MSSD students with IDs. Tickets are available weekdays from noon-1 p.m. in the MSSD lobby beginning Feb. 10. Call x5801 (V/TDD) for further information.

College, MSSD benefit from IBM grant of 50 computers plus software

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in computer use, made up the core team responsible for checking out the machines and adding the software.

"Within six business days, 60 computers had been checked out, enhanced and readied for hookup," said Millikin. "With the limited staff we had, such a job would ordinarily take at least a month."

First, a computer technician installed an extra "quad" board on each computer. This provides special enhancements such as additional memory, a clock and adapters for the printer. The boards, which were purchased separately by Computer Services out of its own budget, enable the Gallaudet user to run large jobs like spread sheets; work on lengthy documents without having to spend a lot of time storing pieces on separate diskettes; forget about logging in time and date on each job, because the clock does it automatically; and communicate with the central computer.

The next step involved running the PC through its basic functions to make sure there were no mechanical or program-related kinks. During the testing process, the keyboard, disk drives, extra memory and clock functions were checked out—a time-consuming process taking up to four hours for each computer.

"In any batch of new computers," Millikin explained, "there is always a good chance that problems exist. Identifying and correcting those problems before a teacher or student begins working on the PC can avoid hours of wasted instructional time and frustration."

The last step was probably the most important to the individual user, according to Millikin. This involved actually "molding" the machine to the specific instructional and administrative needs of teachers and students. During this process more than 300 programs, including word processing and graphics programs, were incorporated onto the hard disks so the user would not have to program his or her own computer.

The programs ranged from the basic disk operating system (DOS)—which enables the user to create, manipulate and delete files—to the specialized instructional program, KERMIT. Developed at Columbia University, KERMIT permits the easy transfer of data from one PC to another.

Millikin said that KERMIT also allows a teacher to transfer students' PCs to and from the mainframe (VAX or DEC-10). By using the data transfer capability, he explained, a teacher can avoid the possibility of students incorrectly copying data for a homework or test assignment.

The transition, according to Casey, didn't stop with preparing the PCs. There is an ongoing commitment to ensure that user training sessions keep pace with increased demand both in terms of quantity and types of courses. For example, the number of beginning classes was increased from 5 to 12 during the fall semester to accommodate the recent wave of new users.

As the users become more sophisticated, Casey said, Computer Services anticipates that they'll be wanting more advanced courses. "The wave will move through a sequence of instructional needs for probably 18 months," he said. "At the end of that 18 months we'll be able to move back from a kind of 'mass inoculation' stage to regular maintenance."

Casey said that regular maintenance will be expanded substantially in terms of both user supports and PC maintenance services, because Computer Services anticipates that the number of PCs on campus will increase to about 400 by the end of the school year. That, he said, "will bring Gallaudet into the jet age of microcomputers," making the College competitive with other colleges.

For information on training sessions, check the short course announcements published periodically in *On the Green*. For servicing assistance on an IBM PC contracted by Computer Services, call the secretary in User Services, x5613 (V) or x5616 (TDD).

Phone system orientation scheduled

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Northern Telecom phones—until after the cutover, Mann said.

"There never is 100 percent cutover at first," said Mann. "Someone's going to come in and his or her phone won't work. It's not realistic to expect 100 percent." But, he added, "Northern Telecom will have every phone working within one week after cutover."

Prior to the cutover, a room will be set up on campus with live telephones for training purposes. Members of the campus community will visit the room in groups, and a representative of Northern Telecom will give instruction on the use of the new phones.

Northern Telecom was one of two finalists—AT&T was the other—considered for Gallaudet's new phone system. Mann said that a great deal of time was spent looking at numerous companies' systems. Vendors were

evaluated on (1) the ability of their system to be used by hearing impaired individuals; (2) the acquisition costs of their proposed system; (3) their reputation in supporting the system; and (4) their long-range commitment to Gallaudet and deaf individuals.

Currently the College leases all equipment from AT&T; even the underground wiring plant belongs to C&P Telephone. When the new system is installed, the College will own the equipment and the underground wiring outright. As a result, it is projected that the system will pay for itself within five years.

"Currently AT&T handles all of the College's telephone requirements and provides all necessary management information," said Mann. "In the future, the College will assume that responsibility; essentially, we are going into the telephone business."

Announcements

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Faculty Orientation Office in the Learning Center beginning Feb. 1 for faculty simultaneous communication evaluations. The expressive portion of the evaluations will be given Feb. 10-11 and March 31 and April 1; the receptive portion will be given Feb. 13-14 and April 2-3. The February evaluation is the last one offered before annual faculty evaluations are to be handed in to the deans.

The Office of Intramurals and Campus Recreation of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation is offering a new weekend recreation program, with free open classes and registration on Friday, Jan. 31 from 6-9 p.m. The program includes "Social/Survival Signs" and "The Gallaudet Workout," plus instruction in hatha yoga, weight training or beginners' racquetball. The classes are offered on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call Gina Oliva, x5365.

Ken Glickman, a representative of IBM Corp., will present informal workshops on PC-Graphics for interested faculty and staff. The workshops will introduce the basics of computer graphics on the IBM PC, using the BASIC language. Areas to be explored include plotting/line drawing, business graphs and their applications, area-filling and special effects. For further information, call Glickman, x5040, HMB 153.

The National Gallery of Art will have "acoustiguide" scripts (earphones plus transcripts of recorded tours) and amplified recorders for hearing impaired people who wish to visit the British "Treasure Houses" show on Feb. 15 and 22. Recorders are \$2 each for group rental. Scripts may be purchased separately for \$2 or borrowed free of charge with rental of a tape recorder. Large print scripts are available for visually impaired persons. Reservations must be made before Feb. 1. For more information, call Deborah Sonnenstrahl, x5655 (TDD).



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EPOC coordinator Mary Gawlick, left, moderates a panel of, from left, Don Witters, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, Rockville, Md.; Jerry Jones, Arthur Andersen & Co., Washington, D.C.; Don Cutcher, St. Vincents Center, Columbus, Ohio; Judy Busher, National Children's Center, Washington, D.C.; Judy Langon, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Tom Donahue, People for the American Way, Washington, D.C. Bill Adams is the interpreter.

Supervisors of corporations, agencies attend EPOC workshop on deafness

Supervisors from a variety of area corporations and agencies got both first- and second-hand introductions to deafness in a recent workshop sponsored by Experimental Programs Off Campus (EPOC).

Representatives from International Business Machines (IBM), Digital Equipment Corporation, American Red Cross, the D.C. government, Arthur Andersen & Co., Federal Aviation Administration and other private, government and nonprofit organizations attended the Supervisor Training workshop.

The purposes of the day-long event were to build confidence, promote awareness and focus on skills necessary for supervising hearing impaired students.

Representing Gallaudet were recruitment manager Mal Grossinger, audiologist Venita Gragg and speech pathologist Karen Semanchik, each of whom gave presentations. Six off-campus employers and six Gallaudet students also shared insights and ex-

periences with workshop participants.

During lunch, some supervisors wore tinnitus maskers which reduced their hearing ability and allowed them to experience some of the everyday communication problems faced by hearing impaired people.

"As my hearing loss progressed, I felt my world getting smaller and smaller," said one employer who used the masker. Another said, "This was very sobering . . . it was easier to withdraw into myself than it was to interact." One employer complained, "I missed all the punchlines!"

As the luncheon continued, the group interacted with Gallaudet people by gesturing, writing notes and trying some signs.

"The energy we put into this supervisor training program pays off for our students later," said EPOC director Anne Nissen. "Students end up working in settings where supervisors and co-workers feel more comfortable and accepting, and more time can be spent practicing professional skills."

More recruiters to visit Career Center

Employer recruiters have already begun visiting the Gallaudet campus to interview prospective employees, and more are on their way.

The Gallaudet Career Center reports that nine employers visited campus during the fall semester; 11 others are already scheduled to be here in coming months.

Staff members at the Career Center said that recruiters were impressed by students' qualifications and the way in which they presented themselves during the fall semester interviews. They commented favorably about the academic preparation of Gallaudet students.

Recruiters from the following institutions/agencies will visit the Career Center in the near future:

- Horizons Hospital, Jan. 31;
- David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center, Feb. 3;
- Defense Communications Agency, Feb. 6;
- Census Bureau, Feb. 13;
- Michigan Department of Transportation, Feb. 17;
- Richmond Public Schools, Feb. 18;

- Integrated Microcomputer Systems, Inc., Feb. 20;
- U.S. Public Health Service, Feb. 26;
- Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Feb. 27;
- Federal Reserve Board, March 6; and
- Library of Congress, April 2.

Anyone with suggestions about other recruiters to invite, or with questions about the companies, agencies or schools represented, can call Ann Principato, coordinator of Job Development, Career Center, x5643. Faculty and staff members are urged to refer interested students to the center.

Free films available

Churches, schools, organizations or clubs that have six or more deaf members are eligible to receive free loans of captioned films and videocassettes from Modern Talking Picture Service, a Florida firm.

For more information, write Modern Talking Picture Service, Captioning/Selection Division, 5000 Park St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

Education act and Gramm-Rudman focal points of concern for trustees

Jane Bassett Spilman, chair of the Gallaudet Board of Trustees, recently expressed the board's concerns about the impact that the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill and the Education of the Deaf Act of 1985 may have on the future of Gallaudet.

"And yet, throughout this uncertain environment, we must consider our very real assets," said Spilman at the board's Jan. 16 meeting. "The strength and well-being of any institution rests with its leadership, so I start with our president, Dr. Lee. At a time demanding very deliberate, sensitive dealings with Congress, he has earned a large measure of trust and credibility, not only for himself but for this College."

She mentioned the high ranking of the College—third among smaller comprehensive institutions in the East—in the national poll of college presidents published in *U.S. News & World Report*. Commending the president, faculty, staff and administration of Gallaudet, she called the placement of the College among the nation's pacesetters in higher education "directly attributable to your concerted efforts."

The board approved a holiday for Gallaudet in celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday. Because of the registration schedule, the College observed the holiday on Jan. 24 this year. In the future, Gallaudet will join approximately 15 other colleges and universities in the metropolitan area that celebrate King's birthday on the federally-established date, the third Monday in January.

J.A. "Jay" Parker was elected to serve on the board and will attend his first meeting in March. Parker, described as skilled in public relations, is president of Jay Parker & Associates, an international consulting firm. He was director of President Ronald Reagan's transition team at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The board approved two new programs in SEHS: an M.A. program in mental health counseling and an Ed.S. degree program in education of hearing impaired people. Committee on Mission co-chair Alex Patterson said that the M.A. program is unique in the United States and that he anticipates an enrollment of at least 8 to 10 students in its first year.

Other business included accepting a bequest from Dorothy Bird. Bird, who was hearing impaired and resided in Illinois, left Gallaudet \$100,000.

Dr. Phyllis M. Harper-Bardach, coordinator of student field experiences at the University of Iowa, and Dr. Harry G. Lang, a physics professor at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, were approved for two-year terms on the KDES National Advisory Board. Harper-Bardach is serving for the first time; Lang is continuing his service.

There seemed to be a consensus among Board of Trustees members about the highlight of the January meeting. Six students returned early from winter break to participate in the second part of the "Orientation of Deafness" planned by board member Robert Sanderson.

Four students—Marlene Brown, Richard Cardwell, Eric Raff and Doris Wilding—formed a panel to discuss language from the students' perspective. Students Karen Goss and Matthew Jamison also spent time with the board.

Gustave Rathe, who serves on the Committee on Mission, characterized the interaction with the six students as some of his "best spent time on the board." The students shared personal information about their own varied backgrounds and discussed the methods of communication they used before and after coming to Gallaudet, according to Lillian Holt of the President's Office.

The board also commended Dr. David Tweedie, dean of the School of Communication, and Dr. Marin Allen, chair of the Department of TV, Film and Photography, for the Gallaudet-produced TV program "Deaf Mosaic," which is now seen in 41 markets around the country.

Bob Westermann, head football coach and athletic director, was congratulated for receiving a "Timmie" award from the Touchdown Club of Washington, D.C. (see related story).

Spilman thanked board member Charles Haskell for spending extra voluntary time at Gallaudet to work with students producing a school newspaper at MSSD and to assist Gallaudet in streamlining its printing operation.

Haskell, who is an associate publisher, vice president and partner in various newspaper enterprises, said that he was so "pumped up" when he came out of MSSD that he wanted to take all of the students back to Kentucky to work with him.

Spilman also thanked Dr. James J. Hicks for contributing 23 Cadwallader Washburn etchings to the College.

Silver wins fellowship

Ann Silver, a 1972 graduate of the College and an artist/designer with her own company, Silversign, in New York City, has been awarded a fellowship from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission to spend six months in Japan.

Silver plans to depart in March for Tokyo, which will serve as her base of operations. She will also be visiting Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and other cities.

Her goal is to use the six months to help develop state-of-the-art Japanese Sign Language communication tools. The emphasis of her work will be on design consultation as well as promoting U.S.-Japan cultural ties between deaf and hearing people.

Silver is taking "crash courses" in both Japanese (reading and writing) and Japanese Sign Language (JSL).

Master tutors certified

Master tutor certificates have been awarded to five persons in recognition of their outstanding development and performance as tutors.

The tutors promoted to master tutors are Mike Ellis, Chi Lee, Ken Litherland, Kathy Stephens and Patty Underbrink.

Each master tutor has at least one year of experience as a tutor, has tutored a minimum of five different students, was rated "excellent" in performance evaluations by his/her supervisor and students and has satisfactorily completed a minimum of 10 hours of training.

Master tutors are eligible to be mentors for tutors with little or no experience and to lead tutor training and study skills workshops.

Sponsored R&D

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is offering several funding opportunities for 1986. The Office of Sponsored Programs is eager to assist faculty and staff in pursuing both these and other opportunities.

1. Teacher Preparation Program: Development of programs to prepare precollege teachers of science, mathematics or technology. Brief, preliminary inquiries are suggested.

Deadline for preliminary proposals/inquiries: February 14, 1986; deadline for formal proposals: May 2, 1986

2. Instructional Materials Development Program: Creation of improved materials and model programs for elementary school mathematics instruction, taking cognizance of the wide availability of calculators and computers.

Deadline: March 17, 1986

3. Program Solicitation for Elementary School Science Instruction: Intended to encourage partnerships between publishers, school systems and science education materials developers to provide high-quality science programs.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted and may be transmitted to NSF at any time. Allow 2 or 3 weeks for responses. Deadline for formal proposals: May 15, 1986.

4. Law and Social Sciences Program: Funds research on law, legal institutions, dispute resolution and related topics.

Deadline for application: August 15, 1986

5. Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences: Provides support to research and programs designed to strengthen scientific understanding of biological and social phenomena (i.e., sensory physiology and perception, memory and cognitive processes, social and developmental psychology, linguistics).

Deadline: Submit proposals any time; allow six to nine months for review. Proposals for a particular fiscal year (ending September 30) should be received no later than January of that year.

Provided below are application deadlines of selected federal programs that offer potential grant or contract opportunities for faculty, staff and graduate students. More details on these and other programs of interest can be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Programs, x5034 (V/TDD).

Deadline Program

2/1/86	Council for International Exchange of Scholars: Fellowships for Research in Spain
2/1/86	Fulbright Postdoctoral Travel Awards to France or Germany
2/1/86	Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation: Graduate Students as Administrators in "Developing" Colleges
2/1/86	NSF: Materials Development and Research
2/1/86	NIH/OAPP: Investigators-Initiated Research and New Investigator Research Awards

2/1/86	NIH/OFP: Research in Family Planning Services Delivery Improvement
2/1/86	National Endowment for the Humanities/D.C. Community Humanities Council—Supports Community Programs in the Humanities
2/3/86	ED/OSERS: Handicapped Field Initiated Research
2/13/86	ED/OSERS: Special Projects and Demonstrations for Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Severely Disabled Individuals
2/14/86	NSF: Teacher Preparation and Enhancement
2/14/86	Metropolitan Museum of Art: Resident Assistantships
2/15/86	University of Oregon: Summer Workshops in Chinese and Russian Languages
2/15/86	Educational Testing Service: Residents Research Fellowships
2/17/86	National Urban/Rural Fellows, Inc.: Mid Career Fellowships in Public Administration and Rural Development
3/3/86	ED/OSERS: Educational Media Research, Production, Distribution and Training
3/7/86	ED/Office of Secondary and Elementary Education: Law Related Education Program for Elementary and Secondary Education
3/14/86	ED/OSERS: Research in Education, Student Initiated Research Projects
3/17/86	NSF: Math Materials Development Grants
3/17/86	ED/OSERS: Training Personnel for the Education of the Handicapped
3/17/86	NSF: Instructional Materials Development Program
3/21/86	ED/OSERS: Auxiliary Activities; Innovative Programs for Severely Handicapped Children (Deaf-Blind)

MSSD's Michelle Banks is named semifinalist in ARTS competition

When MSSD student Michelle Banks promised to "do her best," she meant her winning best.

Banks was one of 30 finalists selected from nearly 900 high school seniors nationwide to compete in the 1985 Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) Jan. 8-12 in Miami. She turned in performances that won her a \$1,500 semifinalist award in the acting category. The annual competi-

tion is sponsored by the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts.

Bank's entry included performances as Titania from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and as Miss Brown from the Broadway show "Colored Girls. . . ."

"I am proud and excited about this award," said Banks. "Being the only deaf person in the competition made the contest a very challenging experience for me."

"Michelle was the most mature and professional student I've worked with in any of these competitions," said Tim McCarty, an instructor with the MSSD Performing Arts Department. "She had a lot to say about scene selection and interpretation. When there was a deadline to meet, she met it."

According to McCarty, the competition was keen. Originally there were 5,500 applicants competing in dance, music, theatre, visual arts and writing categories. "The award is a real compliment to Michelle's ability," he said.

Refunds on insurance premiums still in doubt

Employees expecting to receive refunds of \$20 to \$400 on their 1985 health insurance premiums will have to wait and see what happens next following President Reagan's Jan. 17 veto of a bill authorizing the refunds.

In the "You and Your Job" section of last week's *On the Green*, confidence was expressed that the President would sign the bill, which included a section raising the government's share of health insurance premiums for employees in the federal system.

While President Reagan apparently liked and continues to like the consumer refund part of the bill, he balked at raising the federal government's contribution to the health insurance plans.

There is speculation that Congress will approve new legislation dealing strictly with the refunds—and that the President will sign such a bill. Because that process could take weeks or even months, holding one's breath is not advised.

Jobs Available

Some of the advertised staff positions may already be filled. For updated information, call the JOB RECORDING in the Personnel Office, x5514 or x5520 TDD.

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS: Contact Personnel for listing.
PROVOST OF GALLAUDET COLLEGE
DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
VARIOUS POSITIONS: Family Learning Vacation program

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Hart Express skis, 175S bindings, good for beginners to experts, \$75. Call Ron, x5957 days.

FOR SALE: '75 Fiat, 4 dr., green, good cond., running well, some rust, 61K miles. \$625/best offer. Call 577-2117 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: '71 VW bus, good cond., \$900/best offer. Call John, 464-3985 (TDD) after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 2-BR, 1 bath condo overlooking pool, Bladensburg area, 15 min. to Gallaudet. \$1,000 down, mortgage payment plus condo fee less than \$651/mo. Call Debbie, x5655 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Faberware Turbo oven, \$100/best offer. Call Lucy, x5033 (V/TDD).

HOUSEMATE WANTED: Responsible woman to share 3-BR house, 2 blocks from Eastern Market Metro. \$275 plus util. Call 544-7243 (TDD) before 2 p.m., 495-0974 (V/TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: White GE refrigerator, 12 cu. ft., very good cond., \$300 or best offer. Call Kim, x5030 (V/TDD), or 937-3196 (V) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Fish tank, 30 gal., all major parts, never used, must sell ASAP. Call Kim, x5030 (V/TDD), or 937-3196 (V) after 6 p.m.

HOUSEMATES WANTED: Two females in Riverdale seek 1 or 2 housemates by Jan. 15. Must have own transportation and be nonallergic to dogs/cats. \$200/mo. plus util. for 1 person; \$150/mo. each plus util. if 2 persons. Call 277-4769 (TDD).

ROOMMATE WANTED: Female non-smoker for apt. in Bladensburg. Pool/tennis, near Metrobus, 15-min. drive to Kendall Green. \$200/mo. plus gas/elec. Call Sandra, x5578 or 277-2635 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Holiday Spa executive membership, TeleCaption decoder and food processor, all at exc. prices. Call Dave, x5350 or 345-4236 (TDD).

Practicum sites sought

Do you need an interpreter? Have you ever thought about using a student interpreter? The Department of Interpreter/Transliterator Instruction is looking for short-term practicum sites for its first- and second-year interpreting students. Group and individual meetings, lectures, visits to your child's school, short workshops, telephone conferences and tours are only a few of the situations in which a student interpreter might be appropriate. Students cannot interpret in medical, legal or mental health situations.

There is no charge for the service. For assignments a long distance from Gallaudet, the department requests that you provide transportation or pay the student's transportation costs. Because students' schedules vary, not all requests may be filled. However, every attempt will be made to provide student interpreters whenever possible. If you are interested in having a student interpreter, call Mary Anne Royster, practicum coordinator, x5635 (V/TDD).

TDD-a-thon scheduled

Gallaudet alumni across the country will be responding to calls during the third annual TDD-a-thon to be held Feb. 2-6 and 9-13.

Volunteers based in "Ole Jim" will be calling alumni nationwide who were not contacted during the September 1985 TDD-a-thon and those who have not contributed to the College Alumni Giving Program since July 1985.

The event will begin with a social at 5:30 p.m., followed by a hot supper. Training in contacting alumni will begin at 6:15 and calling will be conducted from 7-10 p.m.

"We hope to increase awareness of the annual program and alumni participation," said coordinator Ernest Hoffman of the Development Office. "Everything will be provided to make the calling easy. All we need from the volunteers is time and energy."

Alumni who wish to volunteer one or more evenings should call the Development Office, x5410 (V/TDD)